(b) if so, whether Russia has agreed to rectify the same; and

(c) if so, by when Russian military experts/technicals are expected to take up the job?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES):

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Russian warranty team of experts is already in the country and is rectifying the technical snags.

Defence exports

293. SHRI K.RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are according priority for the export of defence equipments to other countries;

(b) if yes, the details of the defence equipment exported to various other developing and under-developed countries of the world during the last three years, year-wise and country-wise; and

(c) the amount of foreign exchange earned through defence exports during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ordnance Factory Board and Defence Public Sector Undertakings have been exporting some of their products for several years after meeting domestic requirments. Products are exported mainly to countries in Asia and Africa and include helicopters, helicopter and aircraft spares, spares of rifles and guns, clothing items, parachutes and accessories, aeronautical stores, communication equipment, night vision devices, bollar pull tug, components and sub-systems etc. India is also capable of exporting offshore patrol vessels, training ships, survey vessels, anti tank guided missibles, launchers, test equipment, simulators etc. Some products have also been exported to countries in Europe and North America.

(c) During the years 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 the Ordnance Factory Board and Defence Public Sector Undertakings have

exported their products and services equivalent to US $ (Million) 42.23, 33.58 and 45.22 (provisional) respectively.

Acquisition of Phalcon AWACS System

294. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has finalised deal to acquire Israeli made Phalcon AWACS system;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the terms and conditions of acquiring the system?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Defence Cooperation with China

295. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently the Government of China expressed its desire for expanding Defence ties with India;

(b) if so, the details of cooperation that India wish to have with China in the area of Defence; and

(c) the outcome of the recent Indian Defence Minister's visit to China?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) During the visits of Raksha Mantri to China in April, 2003 and Prime Minister in June, 2003, the Government of India and theGovernment of China agreed to broaden and deepen the defence exchanges between the two countries. Details of such cooperation include exchange of visits by the Defence Ministers of the two countries, training exchanges, exchanges of the Military officials at various levels,and other areas to be decided by mutual agreement.